

HCS SB 655 -- STATUTES OF LIMITATION

SPONSOR: Sifton

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Judiciary by a vote of 7 to 1. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Legislative Oversight by a vote of 9 to 0.

Currently, prosecutions for certain unlawful sexual offenses involving a person 18 years of age or younger must be commenced within 30 years of the victim turning 18. This bill provides that such prosecutions may be commenced at any time.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that 1 out of 10 children will experience some sort of child sexual abuse, and it takes up to 60% of survivors until adulthood to really be able to address it and come forward with it. So legislation such as this is necessary for those victims to get justice.

Testifying for the bill were Senator Sifton; Missouri Kids First; Kids Win Missouri; and the Missouri Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.